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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STATE INFO PARIS TEL AVIV AND TRIPOLI
FROM CAIRO APRIL 24, REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 1219

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR MARR LY EG FR

SUBJECT: LIBYAN MIRAGES IN EGYPT

1. APRIL 24 GUMHURIYYA GIVES FIRST INDICATION TO APPEAR THUS
FAR IN ARABIC PRESS THAT A POLITICAL ISSUE HAS ARISEN BETWEEN
FRANCE, ISRAEL AND LIBYA OVER ARMS SALES. GUMHURIYYA' S ARTICLE
IS MASTERPIECE OF OBFUSCATION, DRAWS UPON UPI REPORT OF APRIL
23 LE SOIR ARTICLE TO EFFECT THAT FRENCH/ ISRAELI RELATIONS
HAVE REACHED CRISIS POINT BECAUSE OF " CONTI UETION OF FRANCE' S
PLANS CONCERNING THE SALE OF ARMS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA."
AT NO POINT DOES ARTICLE MENTION MIRAGES OR EGYPT.

2. NEITHER AHRAH NOR AKHBAR CONTAIN MENTION OF SUBJECT.
CAIRO' S ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY, EGYPTIAN GAZETTE (CIRCULATION
LESS THAN 5000, PUBLISHED BY GUMHURIYYA) RUNS BRIEF FIRST-
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PAGE ITEM STATING THAT ACCORDING TO FRENCH PRESS, FRENCH

ISRAELI RELATIONS HAVE REACHED CRISIS " FOLLOWING FRANCE' S
REJECTION OF ISRAELI CHARGES THAT LIBYA HAS SLIPPED ITS
FRENCH FIGHTER JETS INTO EGYPT."

3. GOE MAY FEEL THAT BY KEEPING SUBJECT OF MIRAGES IN EGYPT
OUT OF ARABIC PRESS, IT PRESERVES SOME ROOM FOR MANEUVER IN A
HIGHLY SENSITIVE POLITICAL SITUATION. BY ADMITTING NOTHING
(YET) GOE IS NOT REQUIRED TO DO ANYTHING. AS INTERNATIONAL
PRESSURES AND PLAY OF ISSUE MOUNT, HOWEVER, EGYPTIL 12,939
BAL. \$2,561 REMAINS

3. IN SUMMARY, OF TOTAL \$75,000 ALLOCATED FOR FY-73
(REF. B), \$69,707 HAS BEEN OBLIGATED/ COMMITTED TO DATE.
THUS, LEAVING UNCOMMITTED BALANCE \$5,293 IN POST PRO-
GRAM ALLOCATION.

4. REMAINING BALANCE \$5293 CAN BE USED TO FUND TWO
PARTIAL IV (TRAVEL PLUS TRAVELALLOWANCE) AND ONE FULL IV
RANT. PLEASE ADVISE POST PRIORITIES AMONG THOSE IVS
LREADY NOMINATED AND WHO CAN TRAVEL WITHIN THIS FY.

5. REF. BEIRUT 3638, PLEASE ADVISE STATUS ON POST EFFORTS
TO FIND LOCAL SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR SAIDAH, CANDIDATE FOR
MUSEUM PROJECT. IF LOCAL FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE, POST MAY
WISH TO USE FUNDS NOTED IN PARA 4 ABOVE. WOULD COST POST
\$834 FOR SAIDAH. SINCE MUSEUM PROJECT PARTICIPANTS MUST
ARRIVE NEW YORK MAY 14, REQUEST POST ADVISE ASAP ON THIS
GRANT. ROGERS

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